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HELP FOR CHILDREN WHO HAVE DIFFICULTIES

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IS YOUR CHILD HAVING DIFFICULTIES?

Children experience many types of difficulties: physical, mental, social, emotional, intellectual, or any combination of these problems and each of these children may require different types and amounts of service. For parents it is often a difficult task, after recognizing that their child is experiencing difficulties, to find the services and agencies which can help.

Recognizing this fact and the fact that early help will likely minimize the difficulty for the child, the Departments of Education and Health and Social Services developed this brochure to assist you in obtaining services for children as early and as quickly as possible.

Services have been listed and are organized according to the type of service delivered, rather than the type of difficulty. If you are unsure as to the type(s) of services your child may need or could benefit from and your child is a pre-schooler, your family doctor or the local Public Health Nurse may be able to suggest which services are required. If your child is experiencing difficulties in school you should contact your child's classroom teacher, guidance counsellor or principal. Another source of information or referral is the Regional Field Services offices of the Department of Health and Social Services.

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ASSESSMENT (TESTING)

Audiology (Hearing)

Audiology services are provided by the Department of Health and Social Services and are available in Charlottetown at the Audiology Clinic of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Regional clinics - once a month, in Alberton, Montague, Souris on Thursdays
- twice a month, Summerside on Tuesdays

Referral by doctor, speech therapist, public health nurse.

For further information call 566-6133 or 566-6026

There is also an audiologist on the staff of The School of Hearing Impaired, St. Jean School, Charlottetown.

For further information call 892-3504 (Ext. 59).

Educational

Educational assessment, evaluation and programming is available beginning with the pre-Grade 1 screening process which takes place in the spring prior to a child's entrance into school in September.

The guidance counselling services in the school system provide assessments, counselling and provision for programs that are adjusted to meet a child's needs. Contact the school guidance counsellor or the principal.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Children may also be referred to psychologists and program consultants at the board level who also do assessments, programming and follow-up. Contact the guidance counsellor or principal.

For further information call:

- Unit 1: Superintendent and/or Special Education Consultant, 853-2013
- Unit 2: Student Services Coordinator, and/or Program Consultant 436-2133 or 566-1613
- Unit 3: Child/Youth Development, Program Consultant 892-0281
- Unit 4: Assistant Superintendent and/or Special Education Consultant at 838-2944 or 566-1595
- Unit 5: Assistant Superintendent 854-2975

Community Mental Health

The Department of Health and Social Services, Community Mental Health Division, through a team of professionals in psychology, social work, psychiatry, etc., provides assessment, consultations and individual and group therapy to individuals or families experiencing emotional disturbances or mental illness.

- Full-time clinics: Summerside, Charlottetown, Montague
- Part-time clinics: Alberton, O'Leary, Souris

For further information contact:

Summerside	436-9124
Charlottetown	892-0394
Montague	838-4094

Public Health Nursing

The Public Health Nursing Division of the Department of Health and Social Services provides preventative services through information and immunization clinics, screening services to detect difficulties with a child's vision, hearing, mental or physical development, follow-up, and referral services.

For further information call: Division of Nursing, Department of Health and Social Services, 892-1001
or:

Tignish 882-3638
Summerside 436-9124
Kensington 838-3863
O'Leary 859-3763
Montague 838-2241
Souris 687-2492

Sir Izaak Walton Killam Hospital

Located in Halifax, N.S., this hospital houses a multi-discipline Child Development Clinic which offers diagnostic and prescriptive services to children.

Referral: by a physician
Contact: Sir I.W.K. Hospital Developmental Clinic
5850 University Avenue
Halifax, N.S.
B3J 3G9
Telephone: 424-6031

Vision

The Nursing Division of the Department of Health and Social Services provides a wide range of services to the general public, including visual assessments. The Public Health Nurse checks each child's vision during the sixth, fifteenth month, three and one half and five year assessments, and during their sixth school year. Children who fail the vision screening are given a letter of referral for their physician. If at anytime a parent or teacher is concerned about a child's vision, they should contact the local Public Health Nurse to have a vision assessment completed.

For further information contact: Division of Nursing, Department of Health and Social Services, 892-1001
or:

Tignish	882-3638
O'Leary	859-3763
Kensington	838-3863
Summerside	436-9124
Montague	838-2241
Souris	687-2492

COUNSELLING

Catholic Family Services Bureau

This bureau provides individual and family counselling as well as workshops in such areas as parent effectiveness training, communication, etc.

For further information call 894-8591.

Community Mental Health

The Community Mental Health Division of the Department of Health and Social Services provides free professional help to children, families and adults who may be experiencing problems in emotional growth, personality or behavior. The teams of professionals in such areas as social work, occupational therapy, psychiatry, etc., will provide consultation to physicians and other agencies involved in cases of emotional and/or behavioral disorders, psycho-social assessments, and individual and group therapy.

- Full-time clinics: Summerside, Charlottetown, Montague
- Part-time clinics: Alberton, O'Leary, Souris

For further information contact:

Summerside	436-9124
Charlottetown	892-0394
Montague	838-4094

Field Services Division

The Field Services Division of the Department of Health and Social Services employs a number of professionally trained social workers in the regional offices. They provide assessment and counselling services to families where the care of the children is a critical issue, and to individuals or families who are dealing with a situational crisis. In cases where more intensive, long-term type of intervention is required, the Division would refer the client(s) to the Community Mental Health Team, or to available private agencies.

For further information contact:

O'Leary	859-2400
Summerside	436-7294
Charlottetown	892-1261
Montague	838-2992
Souris	687-3022

Persons in the Tignish, Tyne Valley, Vernon River, St. Peter's or Morell exchanges can contact their regional office by calling the indicated toll free number.

Tignish	853-2918
Tyne Valley	831-2110
Vernon River	651-2274 or 651-2062
Morell - St. Peter's	961-2554

MacDonald Family Services, Inc.

This is a private agency which provides individual and family counselling. There is an hourly fee for counselling.

For further information call 566-1735.

Prince County Family Services Bureau

The bureau provides counselling services to individuals and families and when necessary will make referrals to appropriate agencies or organizations.

For further information call 436-9171.

Protestant Family Services Bureau

The bureau provides counselling services to help people cope with a broad spectrum of personal and family difficulties. In family counselling a sliding fee scale is used to determine counselling fees. However, no individual will be denied services due to an inability to pay.

For further information call 892-2441.

School Guidance Counsellor

Guidance counsellors in the schools provide counselling services to children and their parents. In particular they can assist parents and teachers in understanding the needs and capabilities of the students.

For further information contact the school counsellor.

SERVICES AVAILABLE

ADDICTION SERVICES

The goal of Addiction Services is the treatment, education and prevention of drug and alcohol related problems. Addition Services has three treatment centres located across the province, in Summerside, Charlottetown and Souris. These centres offer a variety of services including rehabilitation programs, educational programs, family programs for families with addicted members, as well as counselling services. Programs and services offered by Addiction Services are available to any interested member of the general public.

For further information call:
Prince County Addiction Services 436-4201
Queens County Addiction Services 892-0461
Kings County Addiction Services 687-2150

EDUCATION

The responsibility for providing special education programs rests directly with the Regional Administrative Units. Parents or guardians should first contact the school and then, if necessary, the special education personnel at the School Board Office to discuss the needs of their child. The Department of Education directly administers programs for some hearing impaired, visually impaired, physically disabled or emotionally disturbed children. However, the first contact should still be made with the local school.

For more information on the special education services provided in each school unit, contact the school principal or:

- Unit 1: Superintendent and/or Special Education Consultant, 853-2013
- Unit 2: Student Services Coordinator, 436-2133 or 566-1613
- Unit 3: Child/Youth Development Program Consultant, 892-0281
- Unit 4: Assistant Superintendent 838-2944 and/or Special Education Consultant 566-1595
- Unit 5: Assistant Superintendent, 854-2975

Special Education

Schools provide services and programs to meet the particular needs of children who have learning disabilities or other specific disabilities. This may include additional and/or different materials, methodologies, programs or facilities. For further information contact the guidance counsellor or school principal in your area, or the Special Education Consultant at the School Board Office.

Child/Youth Development Classes for M.R. Pupils

These classes provide education and training, either on full or part-time basis, for school age mentally retarded children. For further information contact the school principal in your area or the Special Education Consultant at the School Board Office.

Emotionally/Behaviorally Disturbed

In addition to the counselling services available within the school the Department of Education operates a non-graded program at Hillsboro Hospital Adolescent Unit, which ensures that children who require in-patient services are able to continue their academic education.

For more information call Special Education Consultant, Department of Education, 892-3504.

Hearing Impaired

A School for the Hearing Impaired located in St. Jean Elementary, Charlottetown offers a full time auditory-oral program which is administered by the Department of Education. The school also offers a training program to parents of pre-school children and itinerant services to those hearing impaired children who require support services only. For further information call 892-3504.

For hearing impaired children who require a residential setting or for deaf/blind children, programs are available at Atlantic Provinces Resource Centre for Hearing Handicapped (APRCHH) Amherst, N.S. A vocational program for hearing handicapped is available at Atlantic Vocational Technical School (ATV), Amherst, N.S. For further information call Department of Education, Special Education Consultant 892-3504 or P.E.I. School for the Hearing Impaired 892-3504 (Ext. 59).

Home/Hospital Bound

To ensure that a pupil's academic success is not jeopardized by illness, the Department of Education will

supply a part-time tutor if the absence from school is longer than two weeks.

For further information call: the local school principal or Department of Education Special Education Consultant 892-3504.

Physically Disabled

While almost all physically disabled children can be accommodated in their own school, the Department of Education operates one facility for the physically disabled, who for certain reasons, such as cerebral palsy, may require a protected setting. This is located in Stonepark Junior High School and has a multi-level academic program.

For further information call Department of Education Special Education Consultant 892-3504.

Visually Impaired

The Department of Education, through the Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority (APSEA), offers itinerant services to children with visual impairments. As well, vision aids, large print and Braille text books are made available. Sir Frederick Fraser School in Halifax, N.S. is available to P.E.I. students who may need training in a residential setting.

For further information call Department of Education, Special Education Consultant 892-3504.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

The Field Services Division of the Department of Health and Social Services offers a wide variety of services to the residents of P.E.I., a number of which may directly help a child with a developmental difficulty. Such services might include financial assistance (including special needs benefits) to families who are in need, a day care subsidy for the placement of a special needs child, protective services to a child who may be at risk in his/her care environment, speech and hearing services and nutrition counselling services may also be accessed through the local regional Field Services offices.

For further information on any of the following services provided by the Department of Health and Social Services contact your local Field Services office:

O'Leary	859-2400
Summerside	436-7294
Charlottetown	892-1261
Montague	838-2992
Souris	687-3022

Persons in the Tignish, Tyne Valley, Vernon River, St. Peter's or Morell exchanges can contact their local Field Services office by calling the indicated toll free number.

Tignish	853-2918
Tyne Valley	831-2110
Morell-St. Peter's	961-2554

Child Protection

Child Protection provides specialized case work services to neglected, abused, or exploited children, including the investigation and assessment of alleged neglect or abuse, individual and family counselling and assistance

in parenting and in child behavior management. These services are child centered - family focused, aimed at the rehabilitation of the family situation so as to insure the future well-being of the child in his/her own home, if possible.

Self referrals, or referrals by other agencies or community members as being potential situations requiring investigation and rehabilitation, are accepted.

Dental Services

The Dental Division of the Department of Health and Social Services administers the Childrens' Dental Care Program which provides dental health education, prevention services and dental treatment to children between 4 and 12 years, ending on their thirteenth birthday. Certain children who are unable to receive dental care in a dental office may have hospitalization and dental costs absorbed by the program. There is a $4 registration fee for the year.

For further information call Director of Dental Services 892-5471.

Early Childhood Programs

Although the government does not operate day care centres or kindergartens, the Department of Health and Social Services offers financial subsidies to families who purchase spaces in licenced child care facilities. Eligibility for this subsidy is determined by the family's need for child care and the family's monthly

income. The brochure entitled A Parents' Guide to Early Childhood Programs has been published by the Department and is available in the regional field services offices.

Group Homes

The purpose of the group homes is to provide care for adolescents who are displaced from their own families. Efforts are made to return the adolescents to their own families. If this is not possible, then substitute care shall be provided, or the individual will be prepared to live on their own. Within the group home the adolescents' self-esteem and sense of power over themselves is enhanced so as to enable them to accomplish their goals within socially acceptable limits. There are five group homes located across the province to care for children who are wards of the Director of Child Welfare, or who are referred to the Director of Child Welfare for protection services.

In-Home Stimulation Program

The In-Home Stimulation Program, delivered by the Mental Retardation Specialists, is to assist parents in developing skills to promote their child's development. The M.R. Specialist works with the parent in setting objectives for the child and developing training programs designed to meet these objectives. All training takes place in the home; in-home visits are scheduled on a regular basis, the maximum being 1 1/2 hours per week per child. All pre-school children who have a diagnosis of mental retardation are eligible for the program.

Mental Retardation Program

The Mental Retardation Program offers assistance to the mentally retarded person and his/her family in accepting the mental retardation, developing the skills of the mentally retarded person, locating and accessing resources, etc. The program is delivered by Mental Retardation Specialists, working out of the regional Field Services Offices.

Nutrition

Nutrition Services offers nutrition and diet counselling and nutritional education to Island residents. Nutritionists can provide consultation and resources to parents and professionals working with children experiencing difficulties. Special attention is granted to servicing high risk pregnant women and the nutritional needs of infants.

Speech Therapy

The speech therapy program provides assessment, diagnosis and treatment for individuals with communicative difficulties. Disorders include articulation, language delay disorder, stuttering, etc.

HOUSING

Action Housing Inc.

P.E.I. Action Housing Inc. is a volunteer non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide adequate housing for disabled citizens. A twelve unit apartment building has been constructed; the first floor

apartments can accommodate wheelchairs, while the other units have modifications suitable for less severe types of disabilities.

For further information call 892-9149.

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (C.M.H.C.)

The C.M.H.C., under the Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program (RRAP) will provide loans, a portion of which is forgivable, for the alteration and repair of housing to improve accessibility for disabled persons.

For further information call Canada Mortgage and Housing 892-9181 or the local branch of the P.E.I. Housing Corporation:

O'Leary	859-2400
Summerside	436-9191
Charlottetown	892-0311
Montague	838-2992
Souris	687-3022

LIBRARY SERVICES

Twenty-two community libraries, two bookmobiles and the Confederation Centre Library provide specialized services for disabled residents of P.E.I., including talking books, large print-books, information on various disabilities and coping mechanisms, etc.

For further information call Confederation Centre Library 892-7932, the Provincial Library 892-3504.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Occupational therapists address problems created by learning disabilities, illness, injury, emotional disorders, aging etc., in order to prevent disability and to maintain or restore performance in the areas of self-care, productivity and leisure.

For further information call:
O'Leary Community Hospital, O'Leary 859-3110
Western Hospital, Alberton 853-2330
Stewart Memorial Hospital, Tyne Valley 831-2718
Prince County Hospital, Summerside 436-9131
Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Charlottetown 566-6069
King's County Memorial Hospital, Montague 838-2152
Souris Hospital, Souris 687-2467

PHYSIOTHERAPY

This program is directed toward the prevention and lessening of movement disfunction in the joints, muscles and/or respiratory system. Services include the assessment and treatment of all problems associated with movement and the education of parents as to the proper exercises and procedures to be followed up at home with the child.

Referrals must be made by a physician.

For further information call, Physiotherapy Manager at the Q.E.H., 566-6063, or:
O'Leary Community Hospital, O'Leary 859-3110
Western Hospital, Alberton 853-2330
Prince County Hospital, Summerside 436-9131
King's County Memorial Hospital, Montague 838-2152

RECREATION

Abegweit Recreation and Sports for the Disabled

This organizations provides recreational and sporting activities, i.e. bowling, games, picnics, and other group outings, etc., for mentally retarded and physically disabled persons in the Summerside-St. Eleanor's area.

For information call 436-6437.

Canadian Association For The Mentally Retarded (C.A.M.R.) Camp

The C.A.M.R. sponsors a summer camp experience program through its camp at Oyster Bed Bridge.

For further information call 566-4844.

Gencheff Children's Camp

This camp operates three thirteen-day camps: two for physically disabled children ages 6 to 16 years, one for physically disabled adults and, as well, two speech therapy camps each one week in duration.

There is no camping fee, but application must be made three weeks in advance of the starting date of the appropriate camping period.

For further information call 569-2669.

Joyriders Therapeutic Riding Association of P.E.I., Inc.

This Association offers horseback riding for recreational enjoyment and therapeutic exercise for mentally, physically and emotionally disabled persons, who have received consent from a physician. Programs are operated in Charlottetown and Montague.

For further information call 894-5737 or 892-3790.

Special Olympics

The Special Olympics program provides the mentally retarded with the opportunity to become involved, at a local, provincial, national and international level, in such sporting and recreational events as track and field, bowling, floor hockey, etc.

For further information contact P.E.I. Recreation and Sports for the Disabled 892-5363.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

Hillsborough Hospital Adolescent Unit

The Adolescent Unit located on Hillsborough Hospital Campus provides an in-patient treatment centre for adolescents 12-18 years of age who are experiencing emotional/behavioral problems which hamper their ability to deal effectively with their social environment. As the program can accommodate only ten people it takes approximately six months to gain entry into the Unit.

For further information call Adolescent Unit 892-3471.

Provincial Sanatorium Special Care Unit

The Special Care Unit provides continuous medical and skilled nursing care to chronically ill and functionally disabled individuals who require twenty-four hour nursing care and/or procedures not available in nursing homes, manors or private homes.

For further information call the Special Care Unit Administrator 894-7331.

Sherwood Home

Sherwood Home provides residential care and developmental programming for severely retarded and multi-handicapped children ages 2 to 17 years. The program stresses the importance of maintaining children in their natural homes, whenever possible, through supports such as counselling or respite care. Day training and full-time residential care are also available.

For further information call, the Co-ordinator of Mental Retardation Services 892-5471, or the Mental Retardation Specialists at the Regional Field Services office:

O'Leary	859-2400
Summerside	436-7294
Charlottetown	892-1261
Montague	838-2992
Souris	687-3022

TRANSPORTATION

Newlife Bus

This bus service is designed to serve emotionally, physically or mentally disabled people who are not in wheelchairs. Services are available Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Depending on where one lives in Charlottetown return fare may vary. Rates for service outside Charlottetown are charged per mile. Available for charter.

For information call 569-2110

Pat and the Elephant

This is a non-profit organization which provides transportation services seven days a week, primarily for persons in wheelchairs. A flat rate applies to Charlottetown area, including North River, Marshfield, Winsloe and the airport. Rates for other destinations vary.

For further information call 894-3339.

Senior Citizens Transit Association

The Senior Citizens Transit Association is a non-profit organization primarily designed to provide transportaion services to senior citizens in the Montague area. The Association will also provide services to the physically disabled and mentally handicapped. The bus has a seating capacity for fifteen seated persons and one wheelchair. There is a rental fee and drivers are supplied.

For further information call 838-2136.

Wheels Inc.

This is a non-profit organization which provides transportation services for senior citizens and the physically disabled. The bus may be rented on an hourly or daily basis. The renting group must acquire their own driver from a list provided and arrange for his/her payment.

For further information call 894-8908.

WHERE DO YOU GO FOR MORE INFORMATION AND SUPPORT?

Atlantic Research Centre For Mental Retardation

The Atlantic Research Centre For Mental Retardation operates a three dimensional program including: research, education and a community oriented program. The community oriented program provides screening procedures for newborns to detect amino acid deficiencies and P.K.U., and genetic counselling for families following the birth of a mentally retarded infant.

For further information contact your family doctor or The Atlantic Research Centre for Mental Retardation.
Telephone - 424-6491
5849 University Avenue
Halifax, Nova Scotia
B3L 4H7

Autism Society of P.E.I.

The Autism Society of P.E.I. has recently been established to educate the general public about autism and to provide a support group for parents with afflicted children. Services offered also include providing information and resource books to parents and professionals and advocacy for changes and improvements in programs.

For further information contact Autism Society of P.E.I., P.O. Box 3283, Charlottetown, P.E.I., C1A 8W5.

Canadian Association for Mentally Retarded (CAMR)

C.A.M.R. advocates for the development of high quality services for mentally retarded persons on an individual or group basis. They also provide emotional support for families with a mentally retarded member, a variety of written materials on mental retardation, as well as sponsoring summer camp experience through its camp at Oyster Bed Bridge. The provincial office is in Charlottetown and there are local branches in Tignish, O'Leary, Summerside, Charlottetown, Montague and Souris.

For further information call 566-4844.

Canadian Council of the Blind

The Canadian Council of the Blind operates two clubs on P.E.I., the purpose of which is to provide an opportunity for visually impaired persons to interact socially and support one another and to become involved in issues of common concern.

For further information call: Summerside 436-6849
Charlottetown 894-3954

Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB)

The services of C.N.I.B. to visually disabled include: loaning such equipment as large print wrist watches, talking clocks, talking books, providing mobility training, sponsoring games and activities, etc. The C.N.I.B. also has the services of a children's worker who is a resource person to visually handicapped children and their families.

To obtain these services an individual must be legally blind.

For further information call 894-4149.

Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, P.E.I. Chapter

This foundation supports cystic fibrosis patients and their families, promotes educational awareness and raises funds for research.

For further information call 672-2564.

Canadian Diabetics Association, P.E.I. Branch

The P.E.I. branch of the Diabetic Association offers a wide range of services to diabetics, their families, and professionals. The Association provides funding for the Children's Diabetic Camp, sells supplies such as needles, syringes etc., provides information, etc.

For further information call the Canadian Diabetes Association office - Monday, Wednesday, Friday mornings, 894-3005 or the Association President 892-7281.

Canadian Hemophilia Society, P.E.I. Chapter

This organization's purpose is to increase public awareness and understanding of the disease.

For further information call 855-2650.

Canadian Kidney Foundation, P.E.I. Branch

This is a volunteer organization designed to inform the public about kidney disorders as well as to provide patient services programs to persons with kidney disorders.

For further information call 892-2020.

Canadian Red Cross Society, P.E.I. Division

The Canadian Red Cross Society operates an Adapted Acquatics Water Safety Program for mentally and physically disabled people.

They also operate a sick room equipment loan service whereby essential items such as beds, wheelchairs, crutches, etc. are available for loan for up to 3 months. To loan equipment a doctor's referral is necessary.

For further information call:

O'Leary	859-2400
Summerside	436-2570
Charlottetown	894-8551
Montague	838-2992
Souris	687-3022

Cerebral Palsy Association

The P.E.I. Cerebral Palsy Association provides information on cerebral palsy, assists in transportation to a medical or educational centre for assessment of a child, and sponsors special recreational and social activities.
For further information call 894-5176.

Council of the Disabled

The Council of the Disabled is a non-profit organization which advocates on an individual and group basis for the extension of services to physically disabled, as well as offering information on a variety of topics including accessibility, technical aids, transportation services and disabling conditions, etc.

For further information call 892-9149.

Epilepsy Association

The P.E.I. Epilepsy Association is a volunteer organization whose objective is to educate the public about epilepsy. The Association provides support to epileptics and provides information to parents, including an up-to-date listing of books available on the topic.

For further information call 831-2569 or 894-4921.

Parents for the Hearing Impaired

Acting under the P.E.I.A.H.I., parents for Hearing Impaired offers emotional and moral support to parents of hearing impaired children.

For further information call 569-2900.

P.E.I. Association For Children and Adults with Learning Disabilities

This is a local branch of a national organization whose aims are to provide information and support to parents of learning disabled children, to educate the public about learning disabilities, and to be an advocacy group for learning disabled persons. Public information meetings are held at least 6 times/year; courses are offered to help parents understand and work with their learning disabled child; a lending library offers up-to-date information on learning disabilities.

For further information call 892-9664.

P.E.I. Association for Hearing Impaired (PEIAHI)

The PEIAHI is a charitable organization which advocates for the hearing impaired, raises funds to provide communication aids, organizes social activities and works with the Telephone Pioneers, who administer the Visual Ear Program on P.E.I. Membership open to all.

For further information call 892-6722 after 5 p.m.

P.E.I. Rehabilitation Council

This is a voluntary organization which provides assistance for transportation costs to and from treatment and for medication, prosthetic and orthopedic equipment for individuals who have exhausted all other sources of help. Applications must be accompanied by a doctor's certificate.

For further information call 892-6755.

Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Club

This club has recently been established to provide a support group for afflicted children and their parents, as well as to educate the public about these disorders.

For further information call 436-6437.

War Amputations of Canada

Through its prosthetic program, War Amps provides assistance in researching new advances for the amputee population. The Champ program provides children, up to the age of 18 years, with specialized assistance.

For further information call 892-3001.